

REMARKS

Reexamination and reconsideration of this application as amended is requested. By this amendment, claims 1, 10, 12, 13, and 18 have been amended and claims 8, 9, 16, and 19 have been cancelled. Claims 1-7, 10-15, and 17-18 remain in the application.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Examiner has questioned whether the correct IDS has been submitted since the docket number does not coincide. We have not found any reference in our file to an IDS with the docket number CR99-036 being submitted in this case – it appears to not apply to this case. We are resubmitting a copy of the IDS, with postcard, that our file shows as being submitted with the application, for clarification by the Examiner.

Additionally, another IDS with additional art is being submitted.

OTHER APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY APPLICANT

Applicant would like to note that it is assignee of other applications related to the subject technology, including U.S. Patents 6,596,187 and 6,656,339, U.S. Application Numbers 09/942,451; 09/932,642; 10/356,217; and 10/024,164.

RESTRICTION OF CLAIMS

The Examiner has restricted the claims to Group I (claims 1-19) and Group II (claims 20-23). Applicant hereby affirms the election of Group I, claims 1-19 as previously made during a telephone conversation. Claims 20-23 have hereby been cancelled.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-3, 6-8, 11-12, 14-15 AND 17-19 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-3, 6-8, 11-12, 14-15 and 17-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by patent reference 6,538,367 Choi.

The Examiner has objected to claims 9, 10, 13 and 16 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would otherwise be allowable. By this amendment, the limitations in these objected to claim have been incorporated into the independent claims. Claim 1 has been amended by combining with claims 8 and 9. Claim 12 has been amended by combining with claim 16, and claim 13 has been

amended by combining with claim 12. Claim 18 has been amended by including the limitation from claim 10. Claim 10 has been amended for proper dependency.

Claims 8, 9, 16, and 19 have been cancelled.

Accordingly, it is believed that the rejection of claims 1-3, 6-8, 11-12, 14-15 and 17-19 under 35 U.S.C. 102 has been overcome by the amendment and remarks.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 4 AND 5 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 4 and 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Choi.

Claims 4 and 5 are believed allowable since they depend from what is now believed to be an allowable independent claim 1.

Accordingly, it is believed that the rejection of claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. 103 has been overcome by the amendment and remarks.

OBJECTION TO CLAIMS 9-10, 13, AND 16

Claims 9-10, 13, and 16 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. These claims have been combined with independent claims as described above. Claims 9 and 16 have thereby been cancelled.

Accordingly, it is believed that the objection to claims 9-10, 13, and 16 has been overcome by the amendment and remarks.

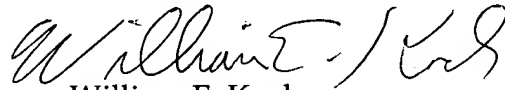
The remaining cited references, including the newly cited references, have been reviewed and are not believed to affect the patentability of the claims as amended.

No amendment made herein was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated; and no amendment made herein was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to deposit account #502117.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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